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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SALZBURG ARRANGEMENTS JUNE 1-3.

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1. MET WITH HASSAN KAMEL THIS MORNING TO GIVE HIM OUR PROPOSED SCHEDULE CITED REFTEL AND ASCERTAIN EGYPTIAN REACTION. KAMEL, WHO AHD JUST RETURNED YESTERDAY WITH PRESIDENT SADAT FROM TRIP TO FOUR ARAB STATES, SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT WE HAD TURNED DOWN SCHLOSS HELLBRUN. HE WAS PLEASED, SAYING THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN HAPPY ABOUT IT AS A LOCALE FOR THE MEETINGS, BUT HAD FELT HE HAD TO ACCEPT IT BECAUSE THE AUSTRIANS HAD OFFERED IT.

2. RE OUR PROPOSED SCHEDULE, HE SAID IT LOOKS AGREEABLE TO HIM WITH ONE POSSIBLE QUALIFICATION. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MEETINGS AT SCHLOSS MIRABEL ARE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND FLOOR. HE NOTED PRESIDENT SADAT HAS A SLIGHT HEART CONDITION AND HAS BEEN ADVISED NOT TO CLIMB FLIGHTS OF STAIRS. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN VIENNA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SCHLOSS MIRABEL HAS AN ELEVATOR. IF SO, MEETINGS ON SECOND FLOOR ARE AGREEABLE; IF NOT, THE EGYPTIANS WOULD PREFER THE MEETINGS TO BE ON THE GROUND FLOOR SO THAT PRESIDENT SADAT DOES NOT HAVE TO WALK UPSTAIRS.

3. KAMEL ALSO ASKED IF WE KNEW WHETHER KREISKY "TOAST"

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AT JUNE 1 DINNER WILL BE SIMPLY A TOAST OR A SPEECH.

I SAID I DID NOT KNOW, BUT WOULD INQUIRE. KAMEL WANTS TO KNOW SINCE HE WILL HAVE TO PREPARE PRESIDENT SADAT'S RESPONSE. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING FROM THE AUSTRIANS THAT THE PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE KREISKY DINNER.

4. KAMEL SAID HE WILL SHOW THE DRAFT SCHEDULE TO PRESIDENT SADAT LATER TODAY AND LET ME KNOW ANY COMMITMENTS THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE. KAMEL HIMSELF, ACCOMPANIED BY ASHRAF MARWAN AND GENERAL MAHI, FLIES TO VIENNA MAY 25 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AUSTRIANS ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT. THEY ARE DUE BACK IN CAIRO THE FOLLOWING DAY. EGYPTIAN ADVANCE PARTY FOR VIENNA AND SALZBURG MEETINGS WILL ARRIVE IN VIENNA ON MAY 25.

5. DEPT MAY WISH PASS THIS MESSAGE TO AMEMB VIENNA. WOULD FACILITATE MATTERS IF DEPT WOULD AUTHORIZE US TO REPEAT LATERALLY DIRECTLY TO VIENNA OUR MESSAGES RE SALZBURG ARRANGEMENTS.
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